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Jenna and Sheba have a brief moment discussing the uses of Psynergy.

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"You're not getting away!" Sheba huffed out as she ran across the clearing in pursuit of her brown furred target. Just up ahead was a forest. If that pesky rabbit reached the trees, it would be as good as lost and they wouldn't be able to eat it for dinner. Sure, she felt a little sorry for the rabbit, but it would be worth it.

In the past, she never could have imagined that she might one day be hunting for meat like this. It had always been served to her at a table, even when she was being held hostage in Tolbi. Now here she was, chasing down animals just so she could actually get to eat some meat.

She raised a glowing hand and, keeping her gaze fixed on her prey, called forth her Psynergy to aid her. A bolt of lightning rained down, striking the rabbit squarely. It jolted and flopped to the ground where it lay. Tiny wisps of smoke rose from the singed fur.

"Yes!" Sheba jumped up and punched the air, a grin spreading across her face. She raced over to the rabbit and reached out to pick it. It twitched, causing her to flinch. "Uh oh."

Well, she supposed, almost dead was good enough. At least it couldn't get away. Still, she would have much preferred to have finished the creature off in one shot.

"Does it hurt? It's okay, I'll finish you off now." Sheba took a breath and held her hand out. A flash of white lit up her vision as she blasted the rabbit with another bolt of lightning. She slowly exhaled and knelt down to check the rabbit. It was no longer moving. "There we go."

"Sheba, are you alright?" The voice came from Jenna who was running toward her.

"Huh? Yes, I'm fine." Sheba gathered the rabbit's corpse up in her arms and stood, turning around to face her travelling companion. "There was a rabbit and I had to act fast otherwise it would have got away."

"Oh, not bad." Jenna seemed somewhat pleased as she looked at the rabbit, but her expression quickly turned stern. "Still, you shouldn't take off like that. If monsters had attacked you, you might have been in trouble."

"Eh, but I didn't go that far from the camp. I'm sure you would have heard me if I called."

"And even if we came running, that might still give the monsters time to finish you off. You've got to be careful. Monsters could appear from anywhere at any time."

"I suppose you're right." Sheba hung her head. "Sorry."

"Anyway, that's pretty impressive that you managed to catch food for us. Did you use your Psynergy?"

"Mmm."

"And I'm not even allowed to use Psynergy for that purpose."

Sheba met Jenna's gaze, raising an eyebrow, "Huh? You're not?"

Jenna crossed her arms, turning her head with a sheepish look. "Well, the thing about lobbing fireballs everywhere is, if you don't manage to hit your target, you risk setting other things on fire, like trees or grass."

Sheba gazed at her with an astonished look without saying anything for a few seconds, before a laugh burst through her lips and she started giggling.

"Hey, what's so funny?" Jenna looked indignant.

"Sorry, it's just that you're usually so good with using your Psynergy in battle that the thought of you randomly throwing fireballs everywhere and setting things on fire, well, I just wouldn't have expected that of you."

"Well, it wasn't so easy controlling my Psynergy in the beginning." Now Jenna's cheeks had taken on a distinctly pink tint. "I'm a lot better at it now at least."

"I know what you mean about it being difficult at first. The people of Lalivero witnessed a few mysterious wind related incidents. I had a bit of trouble with my lighting Psynergy at first too. It was fortunate I didn't electrocute anyone."

"Indeed. The worst I've done is singe someone's eyebrows, luckily."

"You didn't!"

"I did."

The two laughed in unison then fell quiet, exchanging smiles.

"Hmm, I bet I could manage to hit even rabbits by now." Jenna looked intently at the dead animal in Sheba's arms. "I'd like to give it a try. Then again, it might be too risky without a water Adept around."

"Don't tell me you actually want Alex back."

"Ugh, no." Jenna shuddered. "I can't stand that jerk. Well then, we should hurry back. Felix and Kraden are waiting for us."

"I can't wait to see the looks on their faces when I show them what I caught." Sheba beamed as they started walking back to the camp.